REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of April 27, 2006, claims 1-10 were pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 were rejected. Dependent claims 7 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but these claims were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, allowable dependent claim 7 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, and allowable dependent claim 10 has been incorporated into independent claim 8. Therefore, it is believed that claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are allowable and an early action to that end is respectfully requested.

It is important to note that an issue fee has been paid on this application in response to the previous Notice of Allowance. The Notice of Withdrawal from Issue dated April 21, 2006 states that if the application again is found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified in the new Notice of Allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner make note of this situation so that the new Notice of Allowance does not require payment of an additional issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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